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SUBJECT: USG AND GOE ATTEMPTS TO AVOID PROBLEMS THIS TUNA SEASON:

A REVIEW OF WHERE WE'VE BEEN, WHERE WE ARE, AND WHERE WE  
GO FROM HERE

REFS: A) QUITO 6883 B) QUITO 7360 C) QUITO 7631

D) QUITO 7718 E) QUITO 8299 F) QUITO 8589

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1. SUMMARY: ON OCT. 14 WE PRESENTED TO KEY GOE OFFICIALS PRO-  
POSALS FOR ACTIONS BY THE USG AND GOE TO AVOID SEIZURES AND  
PROBLEMS ENTAILED THEREFROM DURING THIS TUNA FISHING SEASON.  
SINCE THAT TIME THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN ALMOST CONSTANT DIA-  
LOGUE ON THIS SUBJECT WITH HIGH GOE OFFICIALS. IN ADDITION  
TO MEASURES ALREADY TAKEN BY OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, THE GOE  
WILL NOW REMOVE ITS LIMIT ON VESSELS IN EXCESS OF 600 NRT  
ALTHOUGH THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT IT WILL AT THE SAME TIME  
RAISE THE LICENSE FEES. SHOULD REMOVAL OF THE 600 NRT LIMIT  
OCCUR, AS WE HAVE BEEN LED TO BELIEVE, I PROPOSE THAT CERTAIN  
ACTIONS BE TAKEN BY THE USG TO HELP ASSURE FURTHER GOE  
COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF "PRUDENT" SURVEILLANCE  
AND ENFORCEMENT BY THE ECUADOREAN NAVY. THIS MESSAGE

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REVIEWS WHERE WE HAVE BEEN, WHERE WE ARE, AND RECOMMENDS

ACTIONS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN AT THIS STAGE. END SUMMARY

2. WE PRESENTED USG PROPOSALS FOR USG AND GOE ACTIONS TO AVOID PROBLEMS DURING THE COMING TUNA SEASON TO KEY MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON OCT. 14. PRESENT FOR MFA WERE SUBSECRETARY JOSE AYALA (THEN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY), AMBASSADOR RAFAEL GARCIA VELASCO, MFA LEGAL ADVISOR, AND AMBASSADOR TEODORO BUSTAMANTE, MFA ADVISOR ON TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY. THIS PRESENTATION FOLLOWED EXCHANGES BY CABLES WITH THE DEPARTMENT BASED ON MY INITIAL MESSAGE ON THIS SUBJECT OF SEPT. 15 (QUITO 6883). MINISTRY OFFICIALS REACTED VERY POSITIVELY TO THE PROPOSAL. THEY STRESSED REPEATEDLY, HOWEVER, THE EXTREME POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF THIS MATTER AND THE NECESSITY OF ANY GOE ACT APPEARING TO BE SPONTANEOUS, NOT PART OF ANY QUID PRO QUO OR MODUS VIVENDI SUCH AS HAD BROUGHT THE FALL OF A PREVIOUS MILITARY GOVERNMENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR REQUEST, I MODIFIED A TALKING POINTS PAPER GIVEN TO THEM TO INCLUDE ONLY STEPS THE USG WOULD TAKE TO AVOID PROBLEMS AND TO SUGGEST MERELY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR ALSO CONSIDER ADOPTING MEASURES WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO AVOIDANCE OF PROBLEMS THIS SEASON.

3. THE MFA OFFICIALS PLEDGED THEMSELVES: (A) TO SEEK REMOVAL OF THE 600 NRT LIMITATION; (B) TO TRY TO OBTAIN A REDUCTION IN THE COST OF MATRICULAS; (C) TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF TOLERANCE BY THE ECUADOREAN NAVY IN EXECUTING ECUADOREAN LAW. I PLEDGED THE USG: (A) TO ENCOURAGE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS; (B) TO ASSURE THAT THE US TUNA FLEET IS FULLY INFORMED REGARDING ECUADOREAN REGULATIONS ON FISHING; (C) TO STATE OFFICIALLY AND AT A HIGH LEVEL ITS POSITION OF NEUTRALITY ON THE PURCHASE OF LICENSES, AND (D) TO AUGMENT CONTACTS WITH THE US TUNA INDUSTRY IN THE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE FISHING SEASON. IT WAS AGREED THAT BY FAR THE MOST IMPORTANT ACT BY THE GOE WOULD BE REMOVAL OF THE 600 NRT LIMIT, SINCE BECAUSE OF LAST SEASON'S EXPERIENCE IT APPEARED LIKELY THAT MOST FISHING VESSELS MIGHT PURCHASE LICENSES IF ELIGIBLE TO DO SO. THE ECUADOREAN OFFICIALS ENDORSED STRONGLY MY DIS-

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CUSSING THE MATTER WITH ADMIRAL POVEDA, AND COUNSELED ME ON MY APPROACH TO HIM. (QUITO 7630 & QUITO 7631).

RM IN MY MEETING WITH ADMIRAL POVEDA ON OCT. 20 HE HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY BRIEFED BY MFA, AND TOLD ME THE NAVY WOULD TRY TO RAISE THE 600 NRT LIMIT, SUPPORT REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF MATRICULAS, AND ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR PURCHASING LICENSES BY RADIO. I RAISED WITH HIM THE POSSIBILITY

OF AN ADVISORY/WARNING PROCEDURE OF GIVING A BOAT A SHORT PERIOD AFTER IT WAS APPREHENDED IN ECUADOREAN WATERS TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE BY RADIO BEFORE THE ECUADOREAN NAVY EFFECTED SEIZURE. I ALSO SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE SIMPLY TO ESCORT THE AMERICAN VESSEL OUT OF ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS AS LONG AS NO ECUADOREAN SEAMEN WERE PUT ABOARD. THE ADMIRAL NOTED THESE WITHOUT COMMITMENT AND PROMISED NO MORE THAN THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH HIS SENIOR OFFICERS TO DISCUSS PRUDENCE DURING THE COMING SEASON. POVEDA WAS VERY FORTHCOMING IN THIS MEETING, HIS ATTITUDE UNDOUBTEDLY INFLUENCED BY THE SUCCESS OF THE RECENTLY RETURNED ECUADOREAN NAVAL COMMISSION TO THE US, A LETTER FROM CNO HOLLOWAY, AND HOPES OF THE ECUADOREAN NAVY RE-ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH THE USN. HE TOO CAUTIONED THE ABSOLUTE NEED FOR SECRECY AND THAT HIS AND MY CONVERSATIONS NOT EVEN BE SHARED WITH MFA. (QUITO 7718)

5. EVEN BEFORE THE OCT. 14 MEETING, AT THE EMBASSY'S URGING, AN EFFORT HAD BEGUN BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST AN ECUADOREAN COMMISSION IN ITS VISIT TO THE US FROM OCT. 1 TO 18 TO DISCUSS ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT. ALTHOUGH OUR ACTUAL ASSISTANCE WAS LIMITED, IT WAS MUCH APPRECIATED BY CERTAIN GOE OFFICIALS, I.E., ADMIRAL POVEDA AND KEY MFA OFFICIALS. (QUITO 7135, QUITO 7226, & STATE 232220). A SECOND AND MORE IMPORTANT MEASURE WAS THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S LETTER OF OCT. 27 TO THE US TUNA INDUSTRY AND KEY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, A COPY OF WHICH I PRESENTED TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON NOV. 4. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MADE PUBLIC HERE ON NOV. 24. (QUITO 8590 AND QUITO 8733). THE PUBLIC STATEMENT OF USG NEUTRALITY ON THE PURCHASE OF LICENSES HAS BEEN REGARDED VERY FAVORABLY BY GOE OFFICIALS.

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6. ON NOV. 7 I SPOKE WITH AMBASSADOR RAFAEL GARCIA VELASCO WHO ADVISED ME THAT THINGS MIGHT BE BOGGING DOWN. THIS SEEMED TO BE RELATED TO THE GOE'S CONTINUING CONCERN ABOUT THE US TRADE LAW AS WELL AS TO THE SHAKY POSITION OF THE RODRIGUEZ GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAD BEEN RECEIVING A GREAT DEAL OF PUBLIC CRITICISM EVER SINCE THE ABORTED SEPT. 1 COUP. PART OF THE SLOWDOWN MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN DUE TO THE FACT THAT JOSE AYALA, A KEY ACTOR ON THE GOE SIDE, HAD BEEN PROMOTED ON OCT. 30 TO SUBSECRETARY AND WAS CAUGHT UP IN A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS, INCLUDING THE NEW TRADE LAW. I DECIDED TO GIVE THE MATTER ANOTHER PUSH PRIOR TO DEPARTURE ON NOV. 18 FOR THE COM MEETING IN WASHINGTON. (QUITO 8187)

7. DURING A MEETING WITH ADMIRAL POVEDA ON NOV. 13 HE WAS

SURPRISED THAT REMOVAL OF HZA 600 NRT RESTRICTION HAD NOT ALREADY BEEN EFFECTED AND AGAIN ASSURED ME THAT IT WOULD BE. HE STATED IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PERMIT PURCHASE OF MATRICULAS BY RADIO, HOWEVER, SINCE THE REQUIREMENT FOR PRIOR PURCHASE WAS ESTABLISHED BY LAW, AND HE ALSO EXPRESSED DOUBT ABOUT LOWERING THE PRICE OF THE MATRICULA. THE GOE, HE SAID, WAS IMPROVING ITS RADIO SYSTEM AND WAS DESIGNATING CERTAIN RADIO FREQUENCIES THAT WOULD BE GUARDED AT ALL TIMES TO ENSURE NO PROBLEMS WITH PURCHASES BY RADIO. HE AGAIN PROMISED MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO REDUCE CHANCES OF SEIZURES BY ECUADOREAN ANVAL VESSELS, BUT SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, SINCE LOCAL FISHING INTERESTS WERE OFTEN AWARE OF THE PRESENCE OF UNLICENSED FOREIGN VESSELS AND IDENTIFIED THEM. HE SAID HE HAD HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS SENIOR OFFICERS AND THEY DID NOT THINK IT POLITICALLY POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT MY PREVIOUS SUGGESTION THAT ECUADOREAN NAVAL VESSELS ENCOUNTERING A FISHING VESSEL IN ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS GIVEN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME TO PURCHASE A LICENSE OR BE CAPTURED. (QUITO 8299)

8. FOREIGN MINISTER AGUIRRE IN OUR MEETING ON NOV. 17 REITERATED THAT NAVAL RADIO TRANSMISSION CAPACITY WAS BEING INCREASED AND THAT A TRANSMITTER HAD BEEN, OR WAS BEING, INSTALLED IN PANAMA TO FACILITATE THE PURCHASE OF LICENSES FROM THERE. HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THE 600 NRT LIMIT WITH ADMIRAL POVEDA. (QUITO 8358)

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9. BASED ON CONVERSATIONS MISSION OFFICERS HAD INCLUDING ONE I HAD WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON THE KOREA VOTE AT THE UN, THE MISSION WAS ABLE TO BRING ABOUT A CHANGE IN THE ECUADOREAN POSITION TO FAVOR THE US FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. THIS WAS PRESENTED BY THE GOE AS A DEFINITE ACCOMODATION TO THE USG POSITION THAT THE KOREAN QUESTION WAS ONE OF VITAL INTEREST TO THE USG, AND AS A

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CHANGE TO PREVIOUSLY STUDIED AND REJECTED POSITION IN  
TERMS OF ECUADOREAN INTERESTS. SUBSECRETARY AYALA MADE  
CLEAR TO THE DCM ON NOV. 18 THAT THE CHANGE HAD BEEN MADE  
WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT THE USG WOULD BE FAVORABLY DIS-  
POSED TOWARD ECUADOR ON MATTERS IT CONSIDERED OF VITAL  
INTEREST, SPECIFICALLY ACCESS TO SPECIAL TRADE PREFERENCES  
UNDER THE NEW US TRADE LAW. THIS WAS REITERATED BY AMBAS-  
SADOR GARCIA TO THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR. NEWS THAT THE  
GENERAL SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES WOULD DEFINITELY NOT BE  
EXTENDED TO ECUADOR REACHED  
QUITO ON NOV. 24. THE GOE'S IMMEDIATE AND SUBSEQUENT  
REACTION HAS BEEN STRONG.

10. AMBASSADOR GARCIA TOLD THE POLCOUNS ON NOV. 19 THAT  
THE MINISTRY'S EFFORTS TO REMOVE THE 600 NRT LIMITATION  
HAD HIT A SNAG IN THE SECRETARIAT OF FISHERIES OF THE  
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE MFA INTENDED TO  
APPROACH POVEDA AGAIN ON THIS SUBJECT. ON NOV. 25 AND 26  
APPROACHES BY THE POLCOUNS REVEALED THAT NO DECISION HAD  
YET BEEN TAKEN BY THE GOE TO REMOVE THE 600 NRT LIMIT.

11. ON NOV. 21 THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PROVIDED THE EMBASSY  
WITH FREQUENCIES WHICH WOULD BE USED BY FISHERMEN TO PUR-  
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CHASE ECUADOREAN FISHING LICENSES AND THESE WERE RELAYED  
TO THE DEPARTMENT. (QUITO 8589)

12. FOLLOWING A MEETING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT ON DEC. 2 WITH  
SUBSECREATRY AYALA, I REMAINED BEHIND TO DISCUSS OUR MUTUAL  
EFFORTS TO GET PAST THIS TUNA FISHING SEASON. AYALA SAID  
IT WAS TRUE THAT NO ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN ON THE 600 NRT  
LIMIT AND THAT THIS WAS PARTLY DUE TO THE GOE'S REACTION

TO THE USG EXCLUDING

ECUADOR FROM SPECIAL TRADE PREFERENCES. ANOTHER FACTOR, HE SPECIFIED, WAS THE CONTINUING UNCERTAINTY OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION. AYALA ENCOURAGED ME TO SEPAK AGAIN WITH ADMIRAL POVEDA AS SOON AS THE POLITICAL SITUATION CALMED SOMEWHAT. (QUITO 8774)

13. I CALLED BN ADMIRAL POVEDA ON DEC. 10 AND EXPRESSED MY CONCERN AT THE LACK OF ACTION BY THE GOE ON LIFTING THE 600 NRT LIMIT, AS I HAD BEEN TOLD IT PLANNED TO DO. I SAID WE WERE COMING TO THE PERIOD WHEN AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS RETURNED TO SAN DIEGO FOR CHRISTMAS AND PROVISIONING BEFORE SETTING OUT AGAIN, AND THAT WHILE THE VESSELS WERE IN SAN DIEGO WOULD BE THE LOGICAL TIME FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT ITS COMMITMENT TO INFORM THE INDUSTRY OF ANY CHANGES IN ECUADOREAN LAW OR REGULATION, I.E., THE REMOVAL OF THE 600 NRT LIMITATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL FREQUENCIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF FISHING LICENSES BY RADIO. HE SAID HE WOULD TALK WITH THE SUBSECRETARY FOR FISHERIES AND SUGGESTED THAT THE EMBASSY'S POLCOUNS MEET AGAIN WITH THE SUBSECRETARY ON THIS MATTER.

14. THE POLCOUNS MET WITH SUBSECRETARY ON DEC. 15 AND WAS TOLD THE GOE WAS STILL STUDYING MATTER OF REMOVING 600 NRT, THAT THE QUESTION WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE INTER-MINISTERIAL COUNCIL ON FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT ON DEC. 18, AND THAT A FINAL DECISION PROBABLY COULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL DEC. 23 OR 24. THE SUBSECRETARY EMPHASIZED, AS HAS BEEN THE CASE WITH EVERY HIGH LEVEL CONTACT RECENTLY, THAT THE CLIMATE FOR MAKING DECISIONS FAVORABLE TO THE US WAS VERY BAD BECAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ECUADOR IN OUR TRADE LAW.

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15. ON DEC. 16 DCM, POLCOUNS AND I HAD AN EXTENDED MEETING WITH SUBSECRETARY AYALA TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF USG AND GOE EFFORTS TO AVOID SEIZURES DURING THE PRESENT TUNA FISHING SEASON. THE SUBSECRETARY ASSURED THAT THE MINISTRY WOULD "LOBBY" HARD FOR REMOVAL OF THE 600 NRT LIMIT IN THE COUNCIL FOR FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT MEETING ON DEC. 18. ASIDE FROM THE USUAL MENTION OF THE US TRADE LAW, IT WAS A PRODUCTIVE MEETING WITH THE MINISTRY AFFIRMING ITS CONTINUED DETERMINATION ON THIS MATTER.

16. WE WERE INFORMED ON DEC. 19 OF APPARENT SUCCESS BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE COUNCIL MEETING OF DEC. 18, EVEN THOUGH OPPOSITION HAD RISEN AGAIN FROM A NEW QUARTER -- THIS TIME THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. THE COUNCIL DECIDED NEVERTHELESS THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

SHOULD DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR A MINISTERIAL DECREE GOVERNING THIS FISHING SEASON, AND THAT ALTHOUGH NO MENTION OF REMOVAL OF THE BAN ON FISHING VESSELS IN EXCESS OF 600 NRT WOULD BE MADE, THE MINISTERIAL DECREE WOULD BE WORDED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO APPLY TO ALL VESSELS REGARDLESS OF SIZE. THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT THE MINISTERIAL DECREE WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE PREVIOUS 600 NRT REGULATION WOULD NOT BE IN EFFECT.

17. ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE THE COUNCIL TENTATIVELY DECIDED THAT THE COST OF LICENSES SHOULD BE RAISED FROM \$60 US TO \$80 US PER TON. IT WAS STRESSED THAT THE DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE DEC. 18 MEETING WERE TENTATIVE AND WOULD BE CONSIDERED FINALLY IN A MEETING ON THE EVENING OF MONDAY, DEC. 22. ON THE MORNING OF DEC. 22 THE POLCOUNS MET AGAIN WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL ADVISOR AND VOICED AND EXPLAINED MY STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF LICENSES. AMBASSADOR GARCIA AGREED THAT IN THE COUNCIL FOR FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT THAT EVENING THAT MFA WOULD ARGUE AGAINST ANY INCREASE IN THE COST OF FISHING LICENSES. WE EXPECT THAT FORMAL ISSUANCE OF THE MINISTERIAL DECREE COVERING THE 600 NRT AND THE DECREE COVERING THE COSTS OF MATRICULAS AND LICENSES FOR THIS FISHING SEASON WILL NOT BE ISSUED PRIOR TO DEC. 24 OR SHORTLY AFTER CHRISTMAS, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1 WHEN MATRICULAS FOR 1976 WILL GO INTO EFFECT. (SEE QUITO 9326 FOR FURTHER DETAILS)

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18. ASSUMING THE GOE REMOVES THE 600 NRT AND THE AMERICAN FISHING INDUSTRY ACCEPTS A RISE IN COST OF LICENSES, SHOULD ONE BE DECREED, THERE IS A GREATLY INCREASED CHANCE OF OUR GETTING THROUGH THIS FISHING SEASON WITHOUT ALL THE PROBLEMS TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS THAT WERE OCCASIONED BY LAST SEASON'S SEIZURES. THIS STATEMENT IS MADE WITH THE FULL REALIZATION THAT A SINGLE AMERICAN FISHING BOAT SKIPPER WHO REFUSES TO BUY A LICENSE COMBINED WITH ONE OVER-ZEALOUS ECUADOREAN NAVJV CAPTAIN COULD STILL THROW ALL OF OUR WORK INTO A COCKED HAT. THE RECENT INCIDENT OF THE US TUNJIBOAT CONQUISTADOR FISHING IN ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS WITHOUT AN ECUADOREAN LICENSE AND MAKING PATENTLY FALSE CLAIMS OF HAVING BEEN FIRED ON BY THE ECUADOREAN NAVY BEARS TESTIMONY TO THIS. (GUAYAQUIL 1894, GUAYAQUIL 1898 AND QUITO 9265.) NEVERTHELESS, IF WE DO GET THROUGH THE SEASON IT SHOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO USG-GOE RELATIONS AND ENHANCE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR REACHING AN INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT ON TUNA FISHING IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC. THIS WILL HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITH NEITHER NATION HAVING TO ABANDON ITS JURIDICAL POSITION ON TERRITORIAL WATERS.

19. FOR THIS REASON, PROVIDING THE GOE DOES ELIMINATE THE 600 NRT LIMIT, AND WITH THE HOPES THAT WE CAN FURTHER ENSURE THAT THE GOE WILL MAN EFFECTIVELY ITS NEWLY INSTALLED SYSTEM FOR PURCHASE OF FISHING LICENSES BY RADIO AND THAT THE ECUADOREAN NAVY WILL INDEED EXERCISE "PRUDENCE" IN ENFORCING ITS LAWS SHOULD AN AMERICAN VESSEL WITHOUT AN ECUADOREAN FISHING LMFENSE BE ENCOUNTERED IN ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS, I URGE THAT THE USG TAKE FURTHER ACTIONS THAT WOULD DEMONSTRATE GOOD WILL ON OUR PART AND STRENGTHEN GOE COMMITMENT TO GETTING THROUGH THIS SEASON WITHOUT INCIDENTS.

20. ACTION REQUESTED (IF GOE REMOVES 600 NRT LIMIT):  
A) THAT THE DEPARTMENT SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO SAN DIEGO TO BRIEF THE TUNA INDUSTRY AND TO EXPLAIN GOE REGULATIONS FOR THIS FISHING SEASON. (THIS WOULD INCLUDE INFORMING ABOUT THE GOE'S REMOVAL OF THE 600 NRT LIMIT; NOTIFYING ABOUT THE INCREASE IN THE COST OF LICENSES,  
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SHOULD OUR EFFORTS TO PREVENT THIS FAIL; PROVIDING RADIO FREQUENCIES OVER WHICH LICENSES CAN BE PURCHASED AND SPECIFIC PROBLEMS TREATED; AND ADVISING ABOUT THE GOE'S IMPROVED RADIO SYSTEM AND PLEDGE TO MAN IT CONTINUOUSLY.)  
B) THAT USG REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH THE AMERICAN FISHING INDUSTRY TO ENCOURAGE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS AND TO EXPLORE US INVESTMENT IN THE ECUADOREAN FISHING INDUSTRY. (MERELY BEING ABLE TO REPORT THIS TO THE GOE WITHOUT CONCRETE RESULTS WOULD BE HELPFUL..)  
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